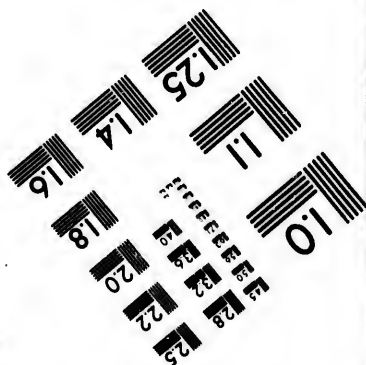
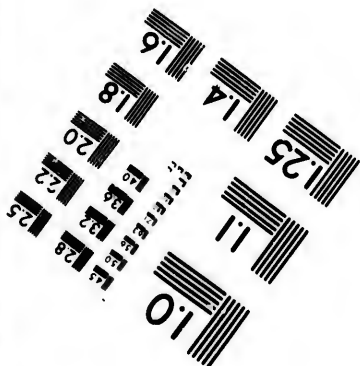
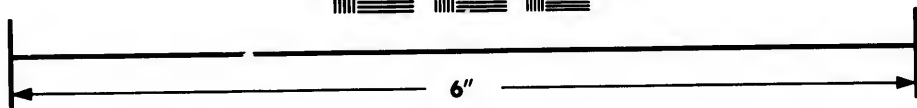
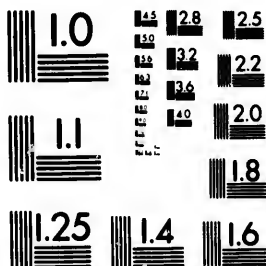


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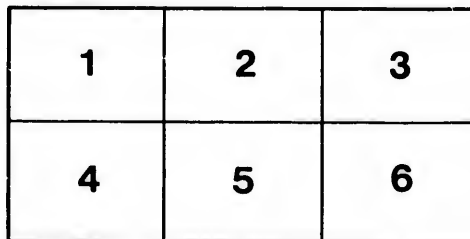
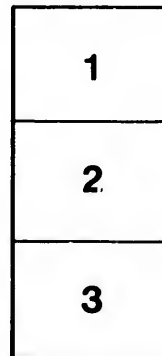
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OF THE
THIRTEENTH SESSION
OF THE
British Columbia Conference
OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH

HELD IN THE WALLACE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, NANAIMO,
FROM THURSDAY, MAY 11TH, TO TUESDAY, MAY 16TH, 1899.

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THE
BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
 OF
THE METHODIST CHURCH

WAS ORGANIZED IN WESLEY CHURCH, VICTORIA, B.C., ON WEDNESDAY,
 MAY 11TH, 1887.

SESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.

No.	YEAR.	PLACE.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
1	1887	Victoria	Ebenezer Robson.	Joseph Hall.
2	1888	New Westminster	Ebenezer Robson	Joseph Hall.
3	1889	Victoria	Joseph Hall.....	Cornelius Bryant.
4	1890	Vancouver	Cornelius Bryant.....	James H. White.
5	1891	Victoria	John F. Betts.....	James H. White.
6	1892	Nanaimo	James H. White.....	Charles M. Tate.
7	1893	New Westminster	Joseph Hall.....	Robt. R. Maitland.
8	1894	Vancouver	Thomas W. Hall	Walter W. Baer.
9	1895	Victoria	Solomon Cleaver.....	John P. Bowell.
10	1896	New Westminster.	Charles Ladner	John P. Bowell.
11	1897	Vancouver	Thomas Crosby.....	John P. Bowell.
12	1898	Victoria	John F. Betts	John P. Bowell.
13	1899	Nanaimo	Robert Whittington ..	John P. Bowell.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL SESSION OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

The Ministerial Session opened in Wallace Street Church, Nansimo, B.C., at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 10th, 1899.

The President, Rev. J. F. Betts, announced Hymn 747, the Secretary read Isaiah lii., and Revs. J. W. Winslow and R. Whittington led in prayer. Twenty-nine ministers were present.

TRANSFERRED.

Into this Conference—

From the Toronto Conference, E. E. Scott and J. E. Gardner, M.A.; from Hamilton Conference, Wilford J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D.; from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Conference, B. H. Balderston, B.A.; from the Newfoundland Conference, Aykroyd Stony.

Out of this Conference—

Into the Toronto Conference, C. S. Eby, D. D.

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Joseph Hall, Robert Whittington, J. C. Speer, Charles Ladner, A. E. Green, Dennis Jennings, James H. White.

RECOMMENDED TO BE SUPERANNUATED FOR ONE YEAR.

William D. Misener.

RECOMMENDED TO A SUPERNUMERARY RELATIONSHIP.

D. D. Birks.

WHAT PROBATIONERS REMAIN ON TRIAL?

* George E. Smith, who has travelled five years.

(b) *Of three years?*

George A. Cropp.

(d) *Of one year?*

David W. Scott, William G. Tanner, Charles W. Nelson.

(f) *Recommended to be sent to College?*

William G. Tanner, George A. Cropp.

CANDIDATES RECEIVED ON TRIAL.

David William Scott, who is granted one year's standing, William Gibson Mahon, * Richard Whitfield Large, M.D.

* G. E. Smith and R. W. Large to be ordained for special purposes.

PERMISSION IS GIVEN CHAIRMEN OF DISTRICTS TO EMPLOY.

George K. Bradshaw, Richard H. Peardon, Robert H. Hughes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Recommended that Bro. William D. Misener be granted a Superannuated relationship for one year.

Resolved in Ministerial Session that Bro. D. D. Birks be granted a Supernumerary relationship for one year.

COMMITTEE ON PASTORAL ADDRESS FOR NEXT YEAR.

W. H. Barraclough, J. P. Hicks.

THE SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

Cornelius Bryant, Thomas D. Pearson, W. D. Misener.

THE SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS.

J. E. Rosoman, D. D. Birks.

RESOLUTIONS—*Re* J. E. GARDNER.

To recommend the Superannuation Fund Board to allow Bro. J. E. Gardner the past year's standing.

Re R. J. IRWIN.

To request him to act as provided for in Discipline.

Re J. P. HICKS.

To grant him permission to act as chaplain to Wesleyans in Her Majesty's Navy at Esquimalt.

MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

The thirteenth session of the British Columbia Annual Conference convened in the Wallace Street Church, Nanaimo, B.C., on Thursday, May 11th, 1899, at 9.30 a.m., with the President of the Conference, Rev. J. F. Betts, in the chair.

The Secretary read the Scriptures and an hour's devotional service was held.

LAYMEN REPORTED AS ELECTED.

VICTORIA DISTRICT.—Arthur Lee, David Spencer, Walter Morris, S. M. O'Kell, R. G. Wellwood, Thomas Bryant, Chan Sin, J. Wesley Brethour, W. Woodman, D. Shanahan, James Taggart.

VANCOUVER DISTRICT.—E. Nicolls, J. H. Kyle, R. W. Harris, Tan Yu Chan, G. W. Phipps, William Tufts, George P. Hicks, John Wilson, William Fitch, James Tuttle.

WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.—D. S. Curtis, George Cunningham, Tong Cheu Thom, T. R. Pearson, B. W. Shiles, G. J. Dowding, A. C. Wells, R. W. Prowse, G. R. Ashwell.

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.—Stephen A. Parsons, Isaac Lehman, Samuel Bowell, Arthur R. Carrington, A. J. Palmer, C. F. Lyndmark, F. H. Latimer, A. F. Taylor.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT.—R. C. Waterson, A. C. Richardson, F. L. Irwin, C. J. Creamer, W. J. Green, J. R. McMillan, W. J. Andrews.

BELLA BELLA DISTRICT.—Edward Nicolas, David Logan, Justus Williams, W. J. Gibson.

SIMPSON DISTRICT.—David McKay, Edward Bennett, Lewis Gosnell, Joseph Ryan.

ROLL CALL.

Forty-one ministers and twenty-seven laymen responded.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., was elected President. Rev. J. P. Bowell was re-elected Secretary. On motion, Rev. C. M. Tate was elected Statistical Secretary. On nomination of the Secretary, Revs. J. D. P. Knox and R. N. Powell were reappointed Assistant Secretaries, and Rev. George H. Osborne, Journal Secretary. Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A., was appointed reporter to the *Guardian* for this Conference for the ensuing year.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee reported having acted in the case of the St. James' Church Relief Fund; also, in having recommended the Executive of the General Board of Missions to occupy Atlin.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES.

MISSIONARY COMMITTEE.

The Chairmen of Districts and the following laymen:

<i>District.</i>	<i>Laymen.</i>	<i>Alternate.</i>
Victoria.....	W. Morris.....	A. Lee.
Vancouver.....	Jas. Tuttle.....	Thomas Sacret.
Westminster.....	A. C. Wells.....	T. R. Pearson.
Kamloops.....	F. H. Latimer.....	A. R. Carrington.
Kootenay.....	B. E. Casselman.....	W. J. Andrews.
Simpson.....	A. E. Bolton.....	J. H. Bolton.
Bella Bella.....	W. H. Gibson.....	J. Williams.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE.

Ministers.—Charles Ladner, S. J. Thompson.
Laymen.—S. Gough, T. G. Raynor, D. Spencer.

SPECIAL ON MISSIONS.

(A committee of the whole.)

TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND COMMITTEE.

President of Conference, with Revs. Jos. Hall, J. C. Speer, A. E. Green, and Messrs. A. C. Wells, W. Harris, D. Spencer.

THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

(See Report of Board.)

CONFERENCE SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

The President and Secretary of Conference, the Chairmen of Districts and Revs. T. W. Hall, C. M. Tate, A. E. Green, E. E. Scott, J. H. White.

PROGRAMME COMMITTEE FOR 1900.

The President and Secretary of Conference and the ministers residing in New Westminster and Vancouver.

MINISTER TO GENERAL BOARD OF MISSIONS.

R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc.

CONFERENCE TREASURERS FOR CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.

<i>Funds.</i>	<i>Treasurer.</i>	<i>Address.</i>
General Conference.....	A. E. Green.....	Vancouver.
Contingent.....	J. P. Bowell.....	New Westminster.
Union Church Relief.....	S. J. Thompson.....	Revelstoke.
Superaunuation.....	Joseph Hall.....	Sardis.
Sustentation.....	Charles Ladner.....	Kamloops.
Educational.....	Jas. Calvert.....	Trail.
Missionary.....	Chairmen of Districts.	
Sunday School Aid.....	E. Manuel.....	Ladner.
Epworth League.....	Robt. Wilkinson.....	Mission City.

WHAT NEW MISSIONS?

Salt Spring Island, Greenwood, Fernie.

THE NEXT CONFERENCE.

In Central Methodist Church, New Westminster, to begin at 9.30 a.m., on the second Thursday in May, 1900.

V. KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

VI. SIMPSON

DIST

		V. KOOTENAY DISTRICT.					VI. SIMPSON						
		Kaalo, J. A. Wood.	Sandon, A. M. Sanford, R.A.	New Denver and Slocan, R. N. Powell.	Grand Forks, (Supply.)	Cascade and Greenwood, B. H. Balderston, B.A.	TOTAL	Port Simpson, S. S. Odenhout.	Nias, W. Rush.	Port Eslington, D. Jennings.	Q. C. Islands, B. C. Freeman.	Upper Skeena, W. H. Pierce.	
MEMBERSHIP.	In Full Membership	25	19	10	13	3	282	171	55	72	32	22	
	On Trial	2	1	1	1	1	6	230	38	77	109	136	
	Total Membership	27	20	11	14	4	288	401	93	149	141	158	
	Number published last year	32	16	8	13	3	229	393	83	150	143	130	
	Increase	3	3	2	13	3	69	8	10	1	1	28	
	Decrease	6	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	
	Catechumens	6	9	1	1	1	18	56	51	17	4	6	
	Infant Baptisms	6	10	1	1	1	46	18	15	17	4	6	
	Adult Baptisms	6	10	1	1	1	47	18	30	18	4	26	
	Total Baptisms	3	3	3	1	2	46	5	1	1	4	32	
	Marriages solemnized	3	3	3	1	2	59	33	1	10	9	5	
	Burials attended	8	3	3	1	2	59	33	1	10	9	3	
CONNEXIONAL FUNDS.	Missionary	\$39	\$27	\$25	\$5	\$5	\$235	\$345	\$32	\$152	\$54	\$20	
	Sup. or Supernumerary	10	20	1	1	1	135	10	1	1	1	1	
	Educational	2	5	1	1	1	19	10	1	1	1	1	
	Contingent	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
	General Conference	1	1	1	1	1	7	3	1	1	1	1	
	Union Church Relief	2	1	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	1	1	
	S. S. Aid and Extension	2	1	1	1	1	3	5	1	1	1	1	
	Funds Ass'ble for Sup. M. F. ..	54	53	34	5	5	416	1	1	4	1	1	
	Sustentation	\$1	\$5	\$1	1	1	\$16	1	1	1	1	\$1	
	Columbian Methodist College ..	10	10	1	1	1	21	1	1	1	1	1	
	Children's	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Temperance	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Woman's Missionary	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
General Epworth League	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		
Total Connexional Funds	55	58	35	5	5	456	\$363	\$32	\$156	\$50	\$21		
CIRCUIT PURPOSES.	Circuit Incidentals	\$4	1	1	1	1	\$14	1	1	\$3	1	1	
	House Rent	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
	Horse Keep or Hire	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	
	Removal Expenses	1	1	1	1	1	102	1	1	1	1	1	
	Travelling Expenses	1	1	\$15	5	2	20	1	1	1	1	1	
	Sunday Schools	07	40	4	1	1	449	1	5	1	1	\$22	
	Epworth Leagues, etc	110	\$250	57	1	1	369	1	1	1	1	1	
	Ladies' Aid	335	598	60	46	\$730	2074	1	1	1	1	1	
	Trustee Boards	136	28	141	18	1	4878	1	1	1	1	1	
	All other Purposes	682	876	322	83	730	4099	\$106	15	83	60	60	
	Total	682	876	322	83	730	8415	106	23	98	98	282	
	MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.	PAID TO SUPERINTENDENT.											
By Circuit		\$160	\$476	\$316	\$100	\$30	\$3162	1	1	1	1	1	
" Sustentation Fund		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" Contingent Fund		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" Children's Fund		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" Miss. Fund—Salary		437	152	302	150	1	1645	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	
" " Rent		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" " Removal		03	1	1	07	1	200	1	1	1	1	1	
Total Received		507	628	618	250	1	4777	800	800	800	800	800	
Net Deficiency		303	172	182	1	1	1173	1	1	1	1	1	
PAID TO COLLABORATOR.													
By Circuit		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" Sustentation Fund		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" Contingent Fund		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" Missionary Fund		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total Received		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Net Deficiency		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Total Assessables for Sup. M. Fund.		\$214	\$529	\$350	\$105	\$35	\$3578	\$409	\$32	\$170	\$157	\$303	
Total Raised for all Purposes ..		897	1400	674	188	735	11531	409	32	170	157	303	
New Churches		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" Value		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
New Parsonages		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
" Value		1	1	1	1	1	\$2200	1	1	1	1	1	

Statistical Report of Methodist Sunday Schools in the

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	OFFICERS AND TEACHERS.				SCHOLARS.												
	Number of Preaching Appointments.	Number of Schools.	Members of the Methodist Church.	Non-Members.	TOTAL.	Average Attendance.	In Primary Classes.	Intermediate Classes.	Adult Classes.	In Home Department.	TOTAL.	Average Attendance in the School.	No. of Meth. Scholars attending Union Schools.	No. who have united with Ch. during year.	Members of Church.	Learning Catechism.	No. who are now Pledged Abstainers.
Victoria	22	17	182	23	205	174	662	808	298	30	1813	1321	..	32	204	355	311
Vancouver	20	16	119	15	134	107	408	375	265	..	1082	751	..	74	255	223	
Westminster	28	12	109	23	129	117	274	406	199	..	879	662	8	11	79	158	216
Kamloops	27	13	71	16	87	67	200	163	153	..	621	353	..	19	88	10	87
Kootenay	16	5	38	12	50	44	152	37	75	..	444	302	..	3	5	44	44
Bella Bella	18	6	15	..	15	13	158	66	139	..	353	264	..	8	141	61	..
Simpson	12	4	17	..	17	14	85	99	41	..	225	137	..	8	30	70	..
Total	143	73	648	80	637	536	1930	1994	1275	30	5317	3500	8	97	621	963	886
Increase	58	1	42	19	61	83	84	..	52	10	163	266	197	..
Decrease	62	110	47	158	..	38

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Statistical Report of Methodist Young People's Societies

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	EPWORTH LEAGUES.				EPWORTH LEAGUES OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.				OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.				JUNIOR EP. LEAGUES AND OTHER JUN. Soc's.				GENERAL	
	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	TOTAL.	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	TOTAL.	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	TOTAL.	Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	TOTAL.	Number.	Active Members.
Victoria	3	99	46	144	1	60	22	82	1	12	14	26	..	..	..	..	6	171
Vancouver .....	..	35	28	63	..	96	42	138	..	40	..	40	..	..	..	..	6	230
Westminster	2	35	28	63	..	56	57	113	..	..	..	..	1	10	8	..	4	101
Kamloops	1	33	6	38	1	34	19	53	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	63
Kootenay	1	33	6	38	1	15	17	32	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	48
Bella Bella	8	62	8	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	35	..	..	4	87
Simpson	3	199	93	292	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	160
Total this year.	13	417	186	602	9	201	157	418	2	52	14	66	4	148	8	156	25	878
Total last year.	14	388	120	508	9	249	148	397	1	87	10	97	24	724
Increase	1	29	66	94	..	12	9	21	2	52	14	66	3	61	..	59	4	154
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Number.	Active Members.
6	171
6	230
4	101
3	63
2	48
2	48
4	87
3	160
25	878
24	724
4	154

British Columbia Conference for the Year ending April 30th, 1899.

Members of Church.	Learning Catechism.	No. who are now Pledged Abolitioners.
204	355	311
74	255	228
79	158	216
88	10	87
5	44	44
141	61	..
80	70	..
621	963	886
158	197	38

LITERATURE.										MONEY CONTRIBUTED BY SCHOOLS.							
Volumes in Library.	Copies of One-card.	Pleasant Hours.	Happy Days.	Sunbeam.	Berens Leaf and Quarterly.	Sunday School Banner.	Copies of other Periodicals published by our Book Room.	Copies of other Periodicals not published by our Book Room.	For Missions.	For Educational Fund.	For Superannuation or Superannuation Fund.	For S. S. Aid and Extension Fund.	For School Purposes.	No. of Schools that have reg that Teachers' Meeting for Study of Lesson.	Number of Schools that have Normal Classes.	Number of Schools that keep (open the whole year.	
3048	502	555	451	454	642	178	99	16	\$109 50	\$4 00	\$4 00	\$26 05	\$1391 15	17	
1822	265	281	190	200	449	64	40	347	68 70	28 50	..	9 80	999 05	12	
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's Societies

in the British Columbia Conference for the Year ending April 30th, 1899.

Active Members.	Associate Members.	TOTAL.
103	..	103
10	8	18
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35	..	35
148	8	156
87	10	97
61	..	60

GENERAL SUMMARY.				CONTRIBUTIONS.								
Number.	Active Members.	Associate Members.	TOTAL.	For Local League or Society purposes.	For Gen'l Epworth League Fund.	For Missions.	For Superannuation or Superannuation Fund.	For Educational Fund.	For all other purposes.	TOTAL.	Number of Leagues that have a leading Circle.	Number of Copies of <i>Concisions Epworth</i> Era taken.
6	171	86	262	\$160 45	\$9 80	\$43 15	..	\$10 00	\$26 20	\$285 00	..	2
6	239	42	281	244 85	4 50	156 60	..	..	83 30	499 25	..	18
4	101	93	194	63 80	2 50	42 75	..	..	28 80	137 85	..	6
3	63	25	88	20 65	4 10	1 05	..	40 00	143 40	399 80	1	0
2	48	22	70	290 35	1 00	..	..	3 00	75 00	360 35	..	11
4	87	8	95	20 44	..	..	..	..	..	20 44	..	1
3	169	93	262	245 85	..	..	..	..	..	245 85	..	..
2	878	300	1252	\$1046 39	\$21 00	\$249 15	..	\$53 00	\$356 70	\$1757 64	2	44
24	724	278	1002	1120 29	28 90	82 40	..	6 50	309 81	1547 90	..	..
4	154	91	250	\$73 90	\$7 00	\$166 75	..	\$46 50	\$46 89	\$209 74	2	44

LAY MEMBERS IN THE QUARTERLY OFFICIAL
BOARDS.

NAMES OF DISTRICTS.	Local Preachers.	Exhorters.	Class Leaders and Assistants.	Stewards.	Society Representa- tives.	Trustee Board Representatives.	Sunday School Superintendents.	Epworth League Presidents.	Epworth League of C. E. Presidents.	Other Young People's Society Presidents.	TOTAL.
Victoria	25	8	25	57	46	9	18	3	2	1	154
Vancouver	12	8	15	40	28	3	11	...	2	1	109
Westminster	7	11	1	21	62	28	6	11	4	1	125
Kamloops	10	1	7	54	21	5	...	13	2	1	81
Kootenay	4	3	2	30	21	3	5	1	1	...	66
Bella Bella	30	36	9	22	4	...	5	6	...	3	92
Simpson	13	15	8	14	5	1	5	4	...	1	80
Total this year	101	82	67	238	187	49	50	38	12	8	697
Total last year	109	38	201	263	162	29	69	13	10	3	696
Increase	44	25	2	...	1
Decrease	8	...	34	25	19

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SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS' FUND.

Ministerial and Lay Subscribers.

VICTORIA DISTRICT.—Revs. W. H. Barraclough, \$22.50; J. D. P. Knox, 18.00; C. H. M. Sutherland, 21.75; J. W. Winslow, 18.00.

Metropolitan.—W. J. Pendray, \$5.00.

VANCOUVER DISTRICT.—Revs. R. Whittington, *\$30.00; A. K. Sharpe, 16.05; A. E. Green, 15.75; R. Wilkinson, 15.00; A. N. Miller, 16.65; Goro Kaburagi, 18.00.

WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.—Revs. J. F. Betts, \$30.00; E. Manuel, 15.00; J. P. Bowell, 16.53; Joseph Hall, 24.00; J. H. White, 21.75; W. J. Sipprell, 22.50; C. M. Tate, 24.00; W. G. Tanner, 15.00; W. D. Misener, 15.87; C. W. Nelson, 15.00.

Chilliwack.—A. C. Wells, \$5.00; G. R. Ashwell, 5.00.

New Westminster.—D. S. Curtis, \$5.00; C. G. Major, 10.00; T. R. Pearson, 5.00; D. Robson, 5.00.

KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.—Revs. Charles Ladner, \$24.48; G. A. Cropp, 15.00; Thos. Neville, 24.00; W. L. Hall, 17.04; J. E. Gardner, 15.00; Ebenezer Robson, 27.00; R. B. Laidley, 17.10; W. E. Moody, 15.00; S. J. Thompson, 19.00.

Nicola.—A. R. Carrington, \$5.00.

KOOTENAY DISTRICT.—Revs. Geo. H. Morden, \$18.45; A. M. Sanford, 15.00; Jas. Calvert, 19.20; R. N. Powell, 21.06; John Robson, 21.00; Jas. Hicks, 15.00; Jas. A. Wood, 24.84.

SIMPSON DISTRICT.—Revs. S. S. Osterhout, \$24.00; B. C. Freeman, 24.00; D. Jennings, 24.09; W. H. Pierce, 24.00.

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*For 1897-8, \$15.00.

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Under Young People's Society Preachers.	
TOTAL.	
1	154
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3	92
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8	697
3	696
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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

REPORT OF STATISTICAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee report :

1. That the total membership as reported is 5,060, being an increase of 181.
2. That \$4,036 has been raised for Missions, being an increase of \$53.
3. That \$7,372 has been raised for Sabbath School and Epworth League purposes.
4. That \$26,728 has been raised for Trustee Boards.
5. That the grand total raised for all purposes amounts to \$77,999.

Your Committee recommend that the District Schedules be carefully revised at the District Meetings, so as to lessen the work of the Statistical Secretary, and ensure a correct record in the Minutes of the Conference.

C. M. TATE, *Statistical Secretary.*

CONTINGENT FUND REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to report as follows :

The report of the Treasurer for the year was received, audited and found correct. It is as follows :

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, May 18th, 1898	\$64 85
Victoria District	26 25
Vancouver "	24 35
Westminster District	13 65
Kamloops "	11 15
Kootenay "	8 00
Bella Bella "	2 00
Simpson "	1 00
Collection (Temperance meeting)	6 70
Collection (Sunday services)	20 00
Total.....	\$177 95

EXPENDITURES.

Janitor (1898).....	\$10 00
Victoria District record book	2 00
Book Room account (1898).....	38 85
President's expenses	34 95
Secretary's expenses	16 85
Two ordination Bibles	4 00
Printing billeting list	4 00
Printing station sheets	8 00
Stationery	8 00
Express charges (Conference Journal).....	2 15
Balance on hand	51 15
Total.....	\$177 95

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Your Committee recommend that the current Book Room account amounting to \$31.26 be paid to the Janitor for this year, and that the balance of \$19.89 be left in the hands of the Treasurer of the Fund.

T. W. HALL, *Chairman*.
GEO. H. MORDEN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE SUSTENTATION FUND COMMITTEE.

RECEIPTS.		
Total from Districts.....		\$251 20
Collection		11 85
Donation by Rev. A. E. Green.....		37 00
		\$300 05

We recommend the receipts be apportioned as follows :

A. Stony	\$15 00	R. B. Laidley	\$25 00
E. E. Scott	10 00	Robert H. Hughes	30 00
Wm. Hicks	15 00	J. Calvert	25 00
A. N. Miller	15 00	J. Hicks	25 00
R. Wilkinson	15 00	J. A. Wood	50 00
J. P. Bowell	20 00	G. K. Bradshaw	15 00
E. Manuel	10 00		
T. Neville	30 00		
			\$300 00

A. E. GREEN, *Chairman*.
J. A. WOOD, *Sec.-Treas.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS.

The examinations for 1899 were conducted in due form, and the results reported to Conference. We recommend :

1. That the examinations for 1900 begin the first Wednesday in April.
2. That the chairmen of Kamloops, Kootenay and Simpson districts assign the place and conduct the examinations in their respective districts, and that, for the other districts of the Conference, the place be Vancouver, and the Secretary of the Board the superintending examiner.
3. That the examiners shall prepare one copy of each paper, and send to the Secretary of the Board not later than February 15th; the Secretary to prepare a sufficient number of copies at the expense of the Educational Fund.
4. That the Board of Examiners for 1899-1900 be: Revs. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., President of Conference; E. Robson, J. C. Speer, S. J. Thompson, J. Hall, J. Robson, B.A., G. H. Morden, T. W. Hall, W. H. Barraclough, B.A., J. H. White, A. M. Sanford, B.A., E. E. Scott and W. J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D.
5. That the subjects be allocated as follows :

PRELIMINARY COURSE (for Non-matriculants).

- Arithmetic and Euclid, English Grammar, Geography and English Literature
—Rev. George H. Morden.
- Ancient History (Greece and Rome), English and Canadian History and New Testament History—Rev. John Robson, B.A.
- Greek Grammar—Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D.
- Wesley's Sermons, I. to XX., and Methodist Catechism—Rev. T. W. Hall.
- Outlines of English Literature—Rev. John Robson, B.A.

FIRST YEAR (on a circuit).

English Bible Study—Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A.
 Old Testament History—Rev. J. H. White.
 Greek Testament—Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D.
 Theology, Wesley's Sermons, I. to LIII.—Rev. T. W. Hall.
 Shaw's Digest—Rev. E. Robson.
 Wesley on Christian Perfection—Rev. Joseph Hall.
 Steele's Antinomianism and Fletcher's Last Check—Rev. Joseph Hall.
 Homiletics—Rev. J. F. Betts.

SECOND YEAR (on a circuit).

English Bible Study—Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A.
 Greek Testament—Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D.
 Theology, Banks' Manual—Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A.
 Church History, Stevens' History of Methodism and Canadian Methodism.
 —Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A.
 Homiletic Exercise—Rev. J. F. Betts.
 Blaikie, For the Work of the Ministry—Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc.
 The Discipline—Rev. J. C. Speer.

THIRD YEAR (on a circuit).

English Bible Study—Rev. W. H. Barraclough, B.A.
 Greek Testament—Rev. W. J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D.
 Theology—Rev. E. E. Scott.
 Church History—Rev. A. M. Sanford, B.A.
 Homiletic Exercise—Rev. J. F. Betts.
 Sunday Schools (Trumbull's Lectures)—Rev. S. J. Thompson.

6. That the Chinese Course be as per Discipline.
7. That the President, Rev. R. Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., and Rev. Goro Kaburagi, be a committee to prepare a Japanese Course for any candidate.
8. That Revs. T. Crosby, D. Jennings, S. S. Osterhout, C. M. Tate and G. H. Raley be the examiners in the following course of study for native Indian missionaries :

PRELIMINARY.

English Reading and Writing.
 Arithmetic—Elementary Rules.
 Geography—A knowledge of Continents and Oceans, with Definitions, and Provinces of the Dominion.
 Discipline—General Rules, Sections 27 to 35 of Chapter I.

FIRST YEAR.

Arithmetic—Long and Square Measure, with Simple Problems.
 Geography—Countries of North and South America, with names of Capitals.
 Catechism—Sections 1, 2, 3, with Scripture Proofs.
 English Bible—Critical Knowledge of Matthew v.
 Discipline—Section 2, Chapter II.

SECOND YEAR.

Arithmetic—Avoirdupois and Troy Weights, with Problems.
 Geography—Provinces of Dominion with Capitals, and the Territories.
 Catechism—Sections 4, 5, 6, with Scripture Proofs.
 English Bible—Critical Knowledge of Matthew vi. and vii.
 Discipline—Section 3, Chapter II.

THIRD YEAR.

Arithmetic—Addition and Subtraction, with Simple Problems.
 Geography—Countries and Capitals of Europe and Asia, with special reference to Holy Land.

Catechism—Sections 7, 8, 9, 10, with Scripture Proofs.

English Bible—Conversion of St. Paul, and his Three Missionary Journeys, in Acts of the Apostles.

Discipline—Chapters III. and IV.

9. That Rev. E. E. Scott be the Secretary of the Board.

R. WHITTINGTON, *Chairman*.

W. H. BARRACLOUGH, *Secretary pro tem*.

REPORT OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee recommend :

1. That Conference appoint a central campaign committee, consisting of the President of Conference, the other Methodist ministers of Vancouver, and Messrs. G. Kyle, N. Dickie, and W. H. Malkin.

2. That a committee consisting of the minister of each circuit and mission and a committee appointed by the August Quarterly Meeting of each Board constitute a Canvassing Committee for the Twentieth Century Fund, to carry out the recommendations of the General Conference Committee.

3. That each Financial Secretary be the Secretary for his district, through whom the amounts collected shall be reported to the Annual Conference Central Committee, and by whom an exact account shall be kept in his book for permanent records.

4. That the emphasis throughout the year be placed upon the religious and spiritual aspect, and that the raising of this Twentieth Century Fund be an expression of our gratitude to Almighty God for the success of the Methodist Church throughout the nineteenth century.

5. On motion, resolved that the President be requested to act for this Conference on the General Conference Evangelistic Committee in connection with the Twentieth Century Fund movement.

R. WHITTINGTON, *Chairman*.

R. W. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your Committee recommend :

1. The Conference to consent to the sale by the Trustees of the congregation of New Westminster Central Methodist Church of their property on the corner of Carnarvon and Sixth streets, New Westminster.

2. The Conference to consent to the sale of the parsonage property of our Church at Clinton, the proceeds of the sale to be handed over to the Annual Conference Church and Parsonage Aid Fund Committee.

3. That in all cases where properties are acquired by any Board of Trustees of a congregation, forms of the "Model Deed" be used, the same to be procured from the Methodist Book Room, Toronto, and modified in writing to meet the necessities of our Provincial Acts.

4. That the chairman of each district be required to ascertain the state of the title to each of the church and parsonage properties within his district, and in cases where property is not duly vested in Trustees of

the congregation, or where a doubt exists in regard to the title, to have the same investigated and perfected without delay.

5. That the Conference consent to the sale by the Trustees of Homer Street Methodist Church, Vancouver, of their church and parsonage properties on Homer Street, Vancouver, or of either of them, such sale to be subject to the approval of the Conference Special Committee.

GEO. H. MORDEN, *Chairman*.

R. W. HARRIS, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF BILLETING COMMITTEE.

We recommend that the resident ministers of the city of Nanaimo be appointed, together with the Treasurer, to constitute the Billeting Committee for the present Conference.

JOHN P. HICKS, *Treasurer*.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE OF CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID FUND.

RECEIPTS.

From Trail—Repayment of loan.....	\$20 00
" Sandon " "	17 00
" James Haggart, subscription.....	5 00
	\$42 00

We recommend :

1. That the Boards of Rossland, Trail and Sandon be requested to pay the amounts now due, at once, viz. : Rossland, \$50.00 ; Trail, \$10.00 ; Sandon, \$3.00 ; and that the balances of their loans be paid by the 1st of November in this year, said balances being : Rossland, \$150.00 ; Trail, \$70.00 ; Sandon, \$47.00.

2. That the interest on loans from this Fund be 4 per cent. per annum from this date.

3. That the amounts now on hand, and to be received during the year, be loaned to the church at Lillooet on the personal note, in favor of the Treasurer of this Fund, of the Rev. J. F. Betts, who has possession of the deed, with interest at 4 per cent. per annum until paid.

4. We recommend that a committee consisting of the President of the Conference, Revs. C. Ladner, J. A. Wood, S. J. Thompson and Messrs. D. Spencer, R. W. Harris, A. C. Wells, G. R. Ashwell, be appointed to have the management of this Fund.

5. We ask the cordial sympathy and practical support of the Church throughout the Conference for this Fund, as we believe it can be made of great assistance to our weak and struggling missions.

C. LADNER, *Chairman*.

S. J. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee recommend as follows :

1. That the Chairman of the Kamloops District visit Barkerville.
2. That the Conference request the General Superintendent and the General Secretary of Missions to interview the Federal Government and to insist upon the Methodist Church being placed upon equal footing with other denominations, and that a committee be appointed to furnish these officers of the General Conference with all necessary information.
3. That the Conference recommend the establishing of an Industrial School at Hugwilget, and that Government support be sought for the Industrial School at Port Simpson.
4. That the Conference call the attention of the General Board of Missions to the apparent inequality in salaries of domestic missionaries in the different conferences.
5. That a Japanese mission be established at Nanaimo, with a grant of \$180.00.
6. That the President of the Conference and Rev. A. E. Green be a committee to gather statistics from all the conferences and prepare a careful statement showing cost of living, travelling, etc., in the several conferences, also salaries received by the domestic missionaries; and, should the results warrant it, to furnish such statement to the General Superintendent, the General Secretary of Missions, the Superintendent of Missions in Manitoba and North-West, and to the President of this Conference.

R. WHITTINGTON, *Chairman.*

S. S. OSTERHOUT, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The receipts are as follows :

Victoria District	\$59 00
Vancouver "	24 00
Westminster "	51 00
Kamloops "	18 00
Kootenay "	19 00
Simpson "	12 00
Bella Bella "	1 00
Received from Dr. Potts (refund E. V. Smith)	24 75
Balance on hand from last year	18 55
Repayment of loan, W. G. Tanner	10 00
Total	\$237 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Expenses of Examining Board	\$8 30
Paid to C. M. College	24 50
Commissions	0 35
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	\$33 15
Balance	\$204 15
Conference collection	12 05
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	\$216 20

1. We recommend that the sum of \$5.00 be retained for current expenses and the balance be paid to the Treasurer of the C. M. College.

2. *Re* the recommendation of Kamloops District, for aid to Bro. Geo. A. Cropp. As the present Discipline provides for the payment of fees and aid to students from B. C. Conference out of the General Educational Society Funds, we therefore recommend in the case that he receive full aid to Victoria College.

3. We recommend that Bro. James Calvert be Treasurer of the Fund for the ensuing year.

4. We reaffirm the recommendation of last year, that your Committee emphatically call the attention of superintendents of circuits to the importance of carrying out the provision of Discipline requiring that both collections and subscriptions be taken annually for this Fund.

R. WHITTINGTON, *Chairman*.

S. J. THOMPSON, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF COLUMBIAN METHODIST COLLEGE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

<i>Old Liabilities.</i>		<i>New Liabilities.</i>	
Pearland Hurlburt (not salary)	\$166 03	Salaries	\$298 00
J. W. Creighton	54 00	Gas account	103 00
R. Buckland	25 00	D. S. Curtis	6 13
McLean (carpenters)	11 25	Methodist Book Room	1 00
M. C. Peart (salary)	20 00	Backman & Kerr	2 35
Gas account	60 00	Royal City Transfer	7 00
Methodist Book Room	11 93	Vanstone & Co.	6 30
J. Cunningham	300 17	Laundry	10 00
Taxes	376 10	Logan & Co.	3 25
Note of Directors	2,000 00	Cunningham Hardware Co.	122 75
		Welsh & Co.	31 25
	\$3,024 88	Market	12 00
		J. Cunningham	224 83
		Insurance	178 00
		Piano	130 00
		Taxes	45 00
			\$1,182 36

Total liabilities (exclusive of mortgage), \$4,207.24.

Estimated Expenditure, 1899-1900.

Salaries	\$2,450 00	Piano	\$100 00
Wages	400 00	Interest	675 00
Taxes	50 00	Incidentals	100 00
Fuel	250 00	Insurance	83 00
Light	125 00	Extension and repairs	500 00
Water	60 00		
Market and groceries	1,300 00	Total estimates	\$6,373 00
Travelling expenses	100 00	Total present liabilities	4,207 24
Laboratory	25 00		
Laundry	80 00		\$10,580 24
Printing	75 00		

Estimated Income, 1899-1900.

Fees (basis of last year).....	\$725 55	Dus for subscription fees and board.....	\$1,000 00
Board " " ".....	1,656 00	Conference Educational Fund.....	125 00
Educational Fund.....	450 00		
		Total estimated income.....	\$3,956 55
Balance to be provided for.....			6,623 69

\$10,580 24

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To hold office for three years—Revs. E. Robson, T. W. Hall, J. P. Bowell, C. M. Tate, J. H. White, Messrs. J. S. Johnson, Walter Morris, James Tuttle, A. E. Rand, N. Shakespeare.

To hold office for two years—Revs. R. Whittington, M.A. (President of Conference), J. F. Patts, Joseph Hall, J. C. Speer, Messrs. J. Cunningham, D. Spencer, G. R. Ashwell, E. Nicolls, A. C. Wells, R. W. Harris, M.A.

To hold office for one year—Revs. W. H. Barraclough, M.A., A. E. Green, T. Crosby, C. Ladner, Messrs. D. S. Curtis, Hon. D. W. Wilson, M.D., T. R. Pearson, S. Gough, D. Robson, M.A., G. O. Buchanan.

COLLEGE SENATE.

Resolved,—That the College Senate be the same as last year, except that the President of the Conference be the President of the Senate, and that the name of Rev. W. H. Barraclough, M.A., be inserted instead of that of Rev. C. S. Eby, D.D.

J. F. BETTS, Chairman.
T. R. PEARSON, Secretary.

REPORT OF COQUALEETZA INDUSTRIAL INSTITUTE.

We have pleasure in presenting to the Conference our report of the work of another year. There is a slight increase in attendance. Our present enrolment is 105. The past year has been one of progress along all lines. In their studies and in their industries there has been very gratifying advance. In their morals and in their spiritual life the improvement has been such as to greatly cheer our hearts, and with profound gratitude to God we feel that our labor has not been in vain. The services of our Annual Camp-meeting at Chilliwack were very helpful. All the social means have been regularly maintained, as well as the Sabbath School and the preaching of the Word. In proof of the industrial progress of the children we can point with pride to the prizes carried off by our pupils at the agricultural exhibitions of Chilliwack and New Westminster in the general competition, not with Indians, but with all classes of competitors. In the provincial exhibition at New Westminster last autumn in competition with four other industrial schools—all Roman Catholic—in which special prizes were offered, Coqualeetza held easily the first place, and won the first prize. Our Methodist Industrial Institute at Chilliwack stands fairly and easily at the head of all the institutes of our province, and we propose to go forward to greater things.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH HALL, Principal.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

Your Committee report *re* the memorials of the Victoria and Westminster districts concerning the publication of the *Methodist Recorder*, that we strongly recommend the establishment of this paper.

C. H. M. SUTHERLAND, *Chairman*.
 Jos. HALL, *Secretary*.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Re* INDIAN SCHOOLS.

A memorial came before the Conference showing that still gross discrimination is shown by the Federal Government between the missions and schools of the Methodist Church and those of the English and Roman Catholic churches, which was on motion received, to be forwarded to the Executive of the General Board of Missions.

2. *Re* FORMS FOR REGISTRATION.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Revs. J. C. Speer and W. H. Barraclough be a committee to interview the Provincial Government to see if they will furnish in book form the forms of church registration of marriages required by their own legislation.

3. *Re* BILLETING FUND.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a billeting fee of two dollars be collected by the Financial Secretary of each district from those members of his district who purpose to attend Conference, and whose names he shall immediately report to the Secretary of the Billeting Committee, and also report amounts paid to the Treasurer of the Fund. Members of Conference residing where the sessions are held, and those who prefer to pay their own way, to be exempt.

4. *Re* SUPERANNUATION FUND RECORDS.

After a conversation on the seeming inaccuracies of the Superannuation Fund records, it was on motion, *Resolved*, That Rev. Jos. Hall, Conference Treasurer for the Fund, be instructed to correspond with the General Treasurer in regard to the matter.

5. *Re* PRINTING OF MINUTES.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the suggestion of Dr. Cornish to have our Minutes incorporated with those of other conferences, be complied with, but if this cannot be done the Secretary make the best arrangements he can for the printing of the Minutes.

6. *Re* W. M. S. SUNDAY.

On motion, *Resolved*, That each minister be requested to choose for himself and set apart one Sunday in the year as W. M. S. Sunday.

7. *Re* CORRESPONDENCE FOR "CHRISTIAN GUARDIAN."

On motion, *Resolved*, That each minister send at least a postal card containing items of interest from his field, at least once a month, to Rev. W. H. Barraclough, M.A., the Conference reporter for the *Guardian*.

8. *Re* TITLES OF CHURCH PROPERTY.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Rev. Jos. Hall and Mr. R. W. Harris, M.A., be a committee to examine the titles of all our church property not held under our model deed, and secure the same to the Connexion under the model deed.

9. *Re* BAND OF WORKERS.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Conference has heard with much pleasure the remarks of Bro. Lewis Gosnell, and rejoices in the assurance from the Band of Workers of their purpose to continue working loyally with our Church.

The Conference understands also that there is a desire on the part of some of our people to organize an Epworth League, and, should this desire be carried out, the League will also have the sympathy and best wishes of the Conference, yet we would suggest to our brethren of the Band of Workers, whether it might not be possible to meet the whole case by reorganizing under the name of "Band of Workers of Epworth League," thus including all the people who desire to aid in evangelistic work.

10. *Re* REV. J. E. ROSOMAN.

On resolution of Conference, a collection was taken, amounting to \$17.60, to be forwarded to Bro. Rosoman by the Financial Secretary of the Kamloops District, with the expressed sympathy of the Conference.

11. VOTES OF THANKS.

Cordial votes of thanks were tendered by resolution of the Conference, as follows:

To the ex-President for faithful and courteous performance of duties.

To the Secretary and assistants for faithful and efficient services.

To Rev. A. E. Green for his liberal donation to the Sustentation Fund.

To the various transportation companies for reduced fares.

To the friends who have so generously entertained the Conference.

To the pastors of our Nanaimo churches, and the choir of Wallace Street Church.

To the Press of the city for full reports of the Conference sessions.

12. INSTRUCTIONS TO SECRETARY.

The Secretary was instructed to write to Revs. Jas. Turner and R. J. Irwin, to the Nicola Q.O.B., and to Bro. Peardon, in reference to Conference action affecting them; and to the Methodist Book Room, *re* Sunday School literature.

GENERAL CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

The Rev. James Woodsworth, Superintendent of Missions, visited the Conference, but could only attend the first sessions of the Stationing Committee.

The Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., General Secretary of Missions, attended the sessions of the Conference. A vote of appreciation for the service, and confidence in the work, of the Missionary Secretary was heartily given.

ANNIVERSARIES.

TEMPERANCE.

At the public temperance meeting Rev. J. A. Wood presided, and Revs. S. J. Thompson and W. H. Pierce addressed the meeting. Collection for Contingent Fund, \$6.70.

MISSIONARY.

At the public missionary meeting the Rev. R. Whittington, President of the Conference, took the chair. After prayer by the ex-President, the Rev. R. N. Powell and Rev. Dr. Sutherland, General Secretary of Missions, addressed the meeting. Collection for Missionary Society, \$22.75.

SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

There being no reception service the Rev. Dr. Sutherland, by request of the Conference, addressed a large audience on "Some phases of the social problems of modern times." Collection for Sustentation Fund, \$11.65.

SABBATH SCHOOL AND EPWORTH LEAGUE.

At the public Sabbath School and Epworth League meeting the Rev. C. H. M. Sutherland presided, and Revs. A. Stony, T. Neville and James Calvert addressed the meeting. Collection to be divided between these funds, \$4.00.

THEOLOGICAL UNION.

At the annual meeting the chair was occupied by Rev. R. Whittington, M.A. The annual lecture was given by Rev. J. C. Speer. Subject, "Christian Science and kindred questions." Officers for ensuing year: President, Rev. J. C. Speer; Secretary, Rev. S. J. Thompson, and Lecturer for 1900, Rev. Principal Sipprell, with choice of subject left with himself.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

The Conference Love-feast in charge of Rev. C. Ladner was opened at 9.30 a.m. At 11 a.m. the Rev. Dr. Sutherland preached from 1st Timothy iv. 16, after which Bro. R. W. Laing, M.D., was ordained for special purposes. In the evening the Rev. J. C. Speer preached from Luke i. 32, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered under direction of the President of the Conference. Collections for Contingent Fund, \$20.00.

DEPUTATION FROM W. M. S.

The British Columbia Branch of the Woman's Missionary Society commissioned Mrs. (Rev.) C. M. Tate to visit the Conference as their deputation. Mrs. Tate gave a very admirable address. A resolution expressive of warmest interest in the work was passed.

PROMOTION OF THE WORK OF GOD.

The consideration of the question concerning the promotion of the work of God occupied some time, and the intention of some of the districts to hold and to inaugurate camp-meetings was mentioned.

CLOSE OF CONFERENCE.

Hymn 514 was sung, the President led in prayer, and the Conference closed its thirteenth session at 11.15 p.m. of Tuesday, May 16th, 1899.

ALPHABETICAL LIST OF THE MINISTERS AND PROBATIONERS IN THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE FOR THE YEAR 1899.

Figures at beginning show year of entering Ministry, and those at end number of years stationed on present field. The middle column is Post-office address.

1886	Baer, Walter W.	Nanaimo	1
	Balderston, B. Hedley, B.A.	Greenwood	1
1885	Barracough, William H., B.A.	Victoria	2
1870	Betts, John F.	New Westminster	2
1891	Birks, David Dalton, Sup'y.	Rossland	—
1874	Bowell, John Pery, <i>Sec. of Conf.</i>	New Westminster	2
1870	Bryant, Cornelius, Sup'd.	Mount Tolmie	7
1883	Calvert, James	Trail	3
1892	Chan Sing Kai	Victoria	1
1808	Crosby, Thomas, <i>Chairman</i>	Sardia	1
1891	Freeman, Barnabas Courtland	Skidegate	7
1889	Gardner, John E.	Lillooet	2
1897	Goro Kaburagi	Vancouver	3
1877	Green, Alfred Eli	Vancouver	3
1871	Hall, Thomas W.	Nanaimo	4
1886	Hall, Joseph, <i>Chairman</i>	Sardia	4
1891	Hall, William Lashley	Langley	1
1889	Hicks, John P., <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Victoria	—
1891	Hicks, William	Cumberland	4
1893	Hicks, James	Ymir	2
1886	Irwin, Robert J.	No station	—
1883	Jennings, Dennis, <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Port Essington	10
1891	Knox, John David P.	Victoria	2
1861	Ladner, Charles, <i>Chairman</i>	Kamloops	2
1875	Laidley, Robert B.	Ashcroft	2
1890	Large, Richard Whitfield, M.D.	Bella Bella	1
1899	Mahon, William Gibson	Cheam	1
1891	Manuel, Elihu	Ladner	1
1885	Miller, Arthur Noble, <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Eburne	2
1887	Misener, William D., Sup'l	Address not known	—
1893	Moody, William Edward	Fairview	2
1889	Morden, George Herbert	Rossland	2
1898	Nelson, Charles Wesley	Chemainus	1
1891	Neville, Thomas	Nicola	2

1886 Osborne, G. Howard.....	Duncan.....	1
1891 Osterhout, Smith Stanley, Ph.D., <i>Chairman</i>	Port Simpson.....	2
1852 Pearson, Thomas Davies, Sup'd....	New Westminster.....	9
1883 Pierce, William Henry.....	Klahpyax.....	3
1890 Powell, Robert Newton.....	Enderby.....	1
1883 Raley, George Henry, <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Kitamaat.....	7
1856 Robson, Ebenezer.....	Vernon.....	2
1887 Robson, John, B.A., <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Nelson.....	2
1894 Rosoman, John E., Sup'y.....	Mara.....	6
1893 Sanford, Albert M., B.A.....	Sandon.....	3
1878 Scott, Edward E.....	Vancouver.....	1
1899 Scott, David William.....	Salt Spring Island.....	1
1892 Sharpe, Allan Kennedy.....	Hammond.....	4
1890 Sipprell, Wilford J., B.A., E.D., <i>Principal C. M. College</i>	New Westminster.....	3
1895 Smith, Geo. E., S.T.L.....	Cranbrook.....	1
1897 Speer, James C., <i>Chairman</i>	Victoria.....	3
1889 Spencer, John Clark, M.D.....	Bella Coola.....	1
1891 Stone, William John.....	Clo-ocse.....	6
Stony, Aykroyd.....	Texada Island.....	1
1890 Sutherland, Charles H. M.....	Wellington.....	4
1897 Tanner, Wm. Gordon.....	Winnipeg (College).....	3
1875 Tate, Charles Montgomery.....	Duncan.....	1
1884 Thompson, Samuel James, <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Revelstoke.....	2
1870 Turner, James.....	Atlin.....	1
1876 White, James Henry, <i>Fin. Sec.</i>	Chilliwack.....	4
1882 Whittington, Robert, M.A., B.Sc., <i>Pres. of Conf.</i>	Vancouver.....	3
1893 Wilkinson, Robert.....	Mission City.....	2
1884 Winslow, Joseph Wesley.....	Sidney.....	2
1879 Wood, James Alex., <i>Chairman</i>	Kaslo.....	2

The following are stationed though not transferred :

.. Roberts, A. E.....	New Denver.....	1
.. Stillman, R. Forbes.....	Fernie.....	1
.. Westman, James P.....	Golden.....	1

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QUESTION—Where are the Ministers and Probationers stationed for the ensuing year?

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ROBERT WHITTINGTON, M.A., B.Sc., PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE.
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I. VICTORIA DISTRICT.

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- 1 *Victoria* (Metropolitan)—James C. Speer.
 - 2 *Victoria* (Centennial)—William H. Barraclough, B.A. Cornelius Bryant, Superannuated.
 - 3 *Victoria West*—John D. P. Knox.
 - 4 *Victoria* (James Bay)—One to be sent (R. H. H.) under Superintendent of Centennial.
 - 5 *Victoria* (Chinese Mission) — Chan Sing Kai, under Superintendent of Centennial.
 - 6 *Victoria* (Japanese Mission)—Under Superintendent of Metropolitan.
 - 7 *Saanich*—Joseph W. Winslow (Sidney).
 - 8 *Cowichan*—G. Howard Osborne (Duncan), Chas. W. Nelson (Chemainus).
 - 9 *Salt Spring Island*—David W. Scott, under Superintendent of Cowichan.
 - 10 *Nanaimo* (Wallace Street)—Thomas W. Hall.
 - 11 *Nanaimo* (Haliburton Street)—Walter W. Baer.
 - 12 *Nanaimo* (Chinese Mission)—One to be sent, under Superintendent of Haliburton Street.
 - 13 *Nanaimo* (Japanese Mission)—To be supplied under Superintendent of Wallace Street.
 - 14 *Wellington*—Charles H. M. Sutherland.
 - 15 *Cumberland*—William Hicks.
 - 16 *Cumberland* (Japanese Mission)—Under Superintendent of Cumberland.
 - 17 *Denman*—
 John P. Hicks, Chaplain to the Wesleyans in H. M. Fleet at Esquimalt, by permission of Conference.

J. C. SPEER, *Chairman.*

J. P. HICKS, *Financial Secretary.*

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II. VANCOUVER DISTRICT.

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- 18 *Vancouver* (Homer Street)—Edward E. Scott.
 - 19 *Vancouver* (Princess Street)—Robert Whittington, M.A., B.Sc., *President of Conference.*
 - 20 *Vancouver* (Mount Pleasant)—Alfred E. Green. R. J. Irwin, left without a station at his own request.
 - 21 *Vancouver* (Chinese Mission, including Richmond)—One to be sent, under Superintendent of Mount Pleasant.
 - 22 *Vancouver* (Japanese Mission, including Sapperton and Steveston)—Goro Kaburagi.

- 23 *Richmond*—Arthur N. Miller.
 24 *Texada and Howe Sound*—Aykroyd Stony.
 25 *Maple Ridge*—Allen K. Sharpe.
 26 *Mission City*—Robert Wilkinson.
 27 *Agassiz and Hot Springs*—One wanted.
 28 *Allin* (under General Board of Missions)—James Turner.

R. WHITTINGTON, *Chairman*.
 A. N. MILLER, *Financial Secretary*.

III. WESTMINSTER DISTRICT.

- 29 *New Westminster* (Central)—John F. Betts. Wilford J. Sipprell, B.A., B.D., *Principal C. M. College*. W. D. Misener, Thomas Pearson, Superannuated.
 30 *New Westminster* (West End)—John P. Bowell, *Secretary of Conference*.
 31 *New Westminster* (Sapperton)—To be supplied under Superintendent of West End.
 32 *Chinese, Westminster and Lower Fraser*—One to be sent (T. C. T.).
 33 *Ladner*—Elihu Manuel.
 34 *Cloverdale*—One wanted.
 35 *Langley*—William L. Hall.
 36 *Sumas*—To be supplied.
 37 *Chilliwack*—James H. White.
 38 *Cheam*—William G. Mahon.

Jos. Hall, *Principal of Coqualeetza Institute*, by permission of Conference.
 W. G. Tanner, to attend Wesley College, Winnipeg.

JOSEPH HALL, *Chairman*.
 J. H. WHITE, *Financial Secretary*.

IV. KAMLOOPS DISTRICT.

- 39 *Kamloops*—Charles Ladner.
 40 *Kamloops* (Chinese Mission)—To be supplied under Superintendent of Kamloops.
 41 *Thompson River*—To be supplied.
 42 *Nicola*—Thomas Neville.
 43 *Salmon Arm*—One to be sent (R. H. P.).
 44 *Revelstoke*—Samuel J. Thompson.
 45 *Trout Lake City*—One to be sent, under Superintendent of Revelstoke (J. E. P.).
 46 *Golden*—(James P. Westman).
 47 *Enderby*—R. Newton Powell. John E. Rosoman, Supernumerary.
 48 *Vernon*—Ebenezer Robson.
 49 *Okanagan*—To be supplied.
 50 *Fairview*—William E. Moody.
 51 *Cariboo*—To be supplied.
 52 *Ashcroft*—Robert B. Laidley.
 53 *Lillooet and Clinton*—John E. Gardner, B.A.

George A. Cropp, to attend Victoria University.

CHARLES LADNER, *Chairman*.
 S. J. THOMPSON, *Financial Secretary*.

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V. KOOTENAY DISTRICT.

- 54 *Rosland*—George H. Morden. David D. Birks, Supernumerary.
 55 *Trail*—James Calvert.
 56 *Nelson*—John Robson, B.A.
 57 *Ymir*—John Hicks.
 58 *Kaslo*—James A. Wood.
 59 *Sandon*—Albert M. Sanford, B.A.
 60 *New Denver and Slocan City*—(E. A. Roberts).
 61 *Grand Forks*—One to be sent (G. K. B.).
 62 *Cascade City*—To be supplied.
 63 *Greenwood*—B. Hedley Balderston, B.A.
 64 *Crandbrook and Fort Steele*—George E. Smith, S.T.L.
 65 *Fernie*—(B. Forbes Stillman).

JAMES A. WOOD, *Chairman*.
 JOHN ROBSON, *Financial Secretary*.

VI. SIMPSON DISTRICT.

- 66 *Port Simpson*—S. Stanley Osterhout, Ph.D. Albert E. Bolton, M.D.,
 Medical Missionary.
 67 *Naas River*—William T. Rush, M.D., Medical Missionary. Native agent
 under superintendence of the Chairman.
 68 *Skidegate, Q.C.I.*—Barnabas C. Freeman.
 69 *Port Essington*—Dennis Jennings.
 70 *Kitslash*—To be visited from Port Essington.
 71 *Hartley Bay*—Missionary teacher, under superintendence of Chairman
 (G. R.).
 72 *Kishpyax*—William H. Pierce.
 73 *Kitzequcla*—Native agent, under superintendence of Chairman (P. R.).
 74 *Hugwilget*—Missionary teacher, under superintendence of Chairman
 (R. H. C.).

S. S. OSTERHOUT, *Chairman*.
 D. JENNINGS, *Financial Secretary*.

VII. BELLA BELLA DISTRICT.

- 75 *Bella Bella*—Richard W. Large, M.D.
 76 *River's Inlet*—Lay agent, under superintendence of Chairman (E. N.).
 77 *China Hat*—Native agent, under superintendence of Chairman (G. E.).
 78 *Kitamaat*—George H. Raley.
 79 *Kitlope*—To be visited from Kitamaat.
 80 *Bella Coola*—John C. Spencer, M.D.
 81 *Kinsquit*—To be supplied by native agent, under superintendence of
 Chairman.
 82 *Cape Mudge*—Missionary teacher (R. J. W.).
 83 *Lower Fraser*—Thomas Crosby (Sardis). Native agent (Capt. J.).
 84 *Cowichan Tribes*—Charles M. Tate (Duncan).
 85 *Victoria*—Lay agent, under Superintendent of Cowichan (W. H. G.).
 86 *Nanaimo*—Missionary teacher, under Superintendent of Cowichan (G. R. W.).
 87 *Vitenat*—William J. Stone (Clooose).
 88 *Clayoquot*—One to be sent (medical missionary).
 89 *Nootka Sound*—To be visited.

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T. CROSBY, *Chairman*.
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APPENDIX.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

The New Testament never calls the Christian minister a priest except together with the members of his church ; therefore, we claim no peculiar priestly power that does not belong to you. "Ye also as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." Therefore, we urge you, while you rightly claim equal priestly power with us, not to forget your own sacred character—not to neglect your own ministerial duty. Do not yield to the impression that laymen may be less self-denying, less devoted to the work of our Lord than ministers. Every member of the Church is equally bound to the service of the Head of the Church. Your mission equally with ours is that of our great Master who came to give men life. What we give depends upon what we have ; what we have depends upon what we receive, and what we receive depends upon the depth and the constancy of our communion with God. We affectionately urge you to learn the deep meaning of the words : "Without me ye can do nothing." "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine, no more can ye except ye abide in me." "He that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit."

That you may receive and convey spiritual strength, make the best possible use of all opportunities of public worship. Be found in the house of prayer with a reverent and worshipful spirit. Listen to God's Word with an understanding heart and an applying conscience. Let your thoughts and conversation be such as become the gospel. Cultivate reverence in spirit and deportment. Let no part of the service be unworthy of God's House and children. Noble music is helpful as an instrument of moral instruction. Its power to convince, persuade, inspire, comfort and make strong is immeasurable. There is, however, a tendency in public worship to degrade this effective instrument of spiritual discipline and growth to the level of an entertainment. Against this dangerous tendency we warn you. It is right and wise that you should put under the direction of your pastor trained persons, who, by discreet and dexterous management of voice and instrument, have the power to lead the congregation in the expression of great truths that are embodied in beautiful, true and rhythmic words which are sanctified by loveliness of sound. But you should no more think of your choir as set apart for your musical pastime than you should think of your minister as ordained and placed in the pulpit for your elocutionary, literary or scientific recreation. In your thought, invest the anthem and the prayer, the sermon and the hymn with equal sacredness, and look to the Holy Ghost for an equal blessing from each. Pray for those who lead the service of song in the House of the Lord as you pray for those who preach the Word, and in the musician no less than the preacher value a pure purpose above fine execution.

Christianity permits the free use of wholesome, manly pleasures. True religion makes every faculty more sensitive to joy. You have a right to every pleasure that makes you stronger and better. You have a right to nothing that weakens your heart's hold upon God. We cannot give a list of pleasures, defining accurately those which are sinful and those which are innocent; nor a complete set of rules for your guidance in the choice of amusements. God's Word governs by principles, not by rules. "My son, give me thine heart." In that requirement is settled every question as to the harm or innocence of every pleasure, for "out of the heart are the issues of life." Do not ask, "Where is the precise text or rule that forbids or allows this or that amusement?" but "What effect will the indulgence have upon my Christian character?" No precise command may be violated, yet if your heart's hold upon God is weakened you virtually violate every precept, for as love is the fulfilling of the whole law the want of love is the transgression of it.

Think of sin not as a theory, but as an awful fact—not as a dream, but as a deadly reality to be fought against for our life. Never forget that Jesus Christ came to save men from their sins not in them. In humble dependence upon the Holy Ghost cleanse yourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, and work together with God for the salvation of men. Other things being equal, effort will be effective in exact proportion to its timeliness, therefore use all means to win children and young people to Christ. While we are thankful for the good work accomplished in our Epworth Leagues and Sunday Schools, we remind you that the best Sunday School or Epworth League that ever was organized is no substitute for the home. The school can do no more than teach—the home must train. No school system, however efficient—no church, however zealous, can supply the lack of care and faithfulness in the family. Neither minister nor teacher can take the place of the father and mother. In the living epistles of their lives should the children read the character of Him who is infinite in the majesty and strength of the father, in the tender and indescribable graces of the mother. The first duty of parents is to be the father, the strength—the mother, the sanctification—and both the chosen refuge of their children through all weakness, evil and danger of their young lives. Therefore, win the confidence of your children and keep it as the chief treasure committed in trust to you by God. Resign your high and holy office to no minister—to no teacher. Do not lightly cast away your sceptre and crown.

We feel both gratitude and anxiety as we observe among you the rapid increase of wealth—gratitude to the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and anxiety lest you should not possess your riches but be possessed by them. Men who are accumulating wealth are exposed to great danger, but manifold perils beset their children, who are not surrounded by the safeguards that come from the discipline of toil. On the Pacific coast a drowned eagle and a dead salmon are occasionally washed up by the waves upon the beach. The eagle, fastening on the salmon, finds the fish large and strong, and embarrassed by its riches the rapacious bird is drowned.

As with the eagle, so with men; death comes from clutching. "They that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition." O men of God, flee these things. Recognize, and teach your children to recog-

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We do not dictate to you as to the objects among which your wealth should be distributed. The choice must be left to your own prayerful judgment. But we mention as worthy of special liberality the St. James Church and Twentieth Century Funds. The amounts subscribed and already paid by the members of the Montreal Conference and the Trustees of St. James warrant us in believing that this important interest of our common Methodism will be saved if we do our duty. In the Twentieth Century Fund we have the opportunity out of full and grateful hearts of contributing as God has prospered us to the main interests of our Church. Our benevolence should be founded in gratitude. God has greatly blessed us. We owe to Him. To Him we cannot pay, but He permits us to make the return to His cause. Freely ye have received, freely give. Give as if you were placing the gift in the nail-pierced hand.

It is our duty as ministers to teach and enforce by precept and example the principles of Christianity. It is your especial duty to embody these principles in all the business, laws, organizations and customs of society. The New Testament contemplates not only the regeneration of the individual, but also the organization of these individuals in a perfected society which is described in the New Testament as the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God. Before individual Christians are united in this perfected organization, many existing wrongs must be rectified—many existing laws and customs of society must be changed. Work for this in the Spirit of our Lord. Remember that no great change for the better can ever be easily accomplished, or quickly; nor by bad men, nor even by good men without much suffering; nor can it be advanced by ignorant, impatient, impulsive, ill-regulated effort. Therefore, in all your attempts to reform society, be governed not by the "spirit of fear; but of power and of love and of a sound mind." Let no poverty, no injustice and oppression sour your spirit or engender thoughts and feelings unworthy of Christian manhood. Do not lose the first and greatest of possessions—self-possession.

To men who have business capacity, power to organize industrial armies and make their labor profitable, the tempter comes as he came to Christ with the old promise—power to command instead of power to bless—supremacy instead of love—"the kingdoms of this world and the glory of them." Mansions, costly furniture and equipages—retinues of servants—luxury—splendor are offered as the rewards of power used selfishly. We beseech you to resist this temptation. Use your great gifts as Christ used His power—to guide, to guard, to heal, to redeem. To the outcast and destitute, to the toilers who need direction, you may be true leaders and kings and as such be revered and obeyed, but if you would have this power, you must, like our Lord, employ your gifts not for glory but for use. You must be content like Him to be personally poor that you may prove yourselves the servants of God—"as poor, yet making many rich."

Poor and rich, refined and degraded, moral and vicious, form in the nation one body politic. If one member suffer all the members suffer with it. You cannot give paralysis to one side of the body and have the other

side go on its way rejoicing. The man who is insensible to suffering and vice is not only responsible for the sin, but is tainted and dishonored by its foulness. Therefore as you value your country, your Church, your home and your own soul, seek out and wage unrelenting war with every form of oppression, injustice and vice. While much may be done by reforming our laws and by removing temptations, all moral results that are gained by legislation are gained but temporarily. All the legislation in the world will not regenerate the man. Measures must be taken to reach the source of good and evil—the human heart. Short of the new birth we must not stop. Devote your energy and strength to secure the salvation of men. While you rely upon the Holy Spirit and make no compromise with sin, observe the prejudices and tendencies of the community, and work with your pastor in adapting your instruments and methods to its peculiarities. Concentrate your effort upon individuals. Select your man, pray for him, study him, carry him constantly in your mind. Adapt yourself and your methods to his character. In the spirit of Paul and of Jesus Christ become all things to all men that you may by all means save some. Be wise to win souls. You are working under the infallible Teacher and Guide, therefore despair of no sinner. Never let him go until you share the thrill of triumph that is felt by God Himself, for there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

May God teach us how to work, how to work together, how to work together with Him, that the living Word may have free course and be glorified until all sin shall cease—until God's Kingdom shall come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Let us lift up the standard of our Lord—not by might, nor by power, but by His Spirit bringing forth judgment unto victory.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE REPORT.

The Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That we desire our people to regard the Lord's Day as a divine institution, with Scriptural authority.
2. That, therefore, men have no right, by public vote or legal enactment, to annul the divine law, or to interfere with the observance of the day as divinely appointed for rest and worship.
3. That the attention of our people be frequently directed to the great importance of the observance of the Lord's Day, and, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Conference, that one sermon at least be preached during the Conference year to every congregation, in which shall be set forth the Biblical and other grounds for the sacred observance of the day.
4. That we urge our people to consider that unscrupulous men and corporations are seeking to secure the day for purposes of worldly pleasure and mercenary ends, that enemies of Christianity are particularly assailing this stronghold of the Christian religion and national well-being, determined on its overthrow. In the light of this fact, we earnestly request our people to strengthen their belief, and direct their practice towards the principle that the Lord's Day is a necessity in order to maintain the highest interests of the individual, of industrial, commer-

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5. That the claims of the Lord's Day be carefully presented to our young people in the Epworth League, in the Sunday School, and in the homes.

6. That we suggest to the editors of our periodicals the importance of a continuance of the excellent work they have been doing in educating public opinion on this great question, and that all friends of the Lord's Day use the press as a medium for the dissemination of sound views on the preservation of the Lord's Day.

7. That we express our disapproval of the many forms of Sabbath desecration in domestic, social, and business life. We would respectfully urge our people to avoid the holding of funerals on the Lord's Day, except in cases of extreme necessity; to discountenance social visiting; the performance of any business transaction; the travelling for business or pleasure on the Lord's Day; the keeping open of retail places of business to too late an hour Saturday nights; to use earnestly their influence against all unnecessary Sabbath traffic on railways, street-cars, steamboats, and all public conveyances; to favor the Saturday half-holiday for employees of all classes, with a view to the better observance of the Lord's Day; to regard with disfavor the use of the bicycle and other private conveyances for the purpose of worldly pleasure-seeking on the Lord's Day; to discontinue the buying and selling of Sunday newspapers; patronizing places of business that open their doors on the Lord's Day; and that we earnestly request our young people to use their influence to secure the incorporation into the rules of bicycle clubs of a resolution discouraging Sunday riding for worldly pleasure to the neglect of public worship.

8. That we recommend to the cordial sympathy and practical support of our people the Lord's Day Alliance, an organization which has accomplished most commendable results in the education of the public mind, and in the legal defence of the Lord's Day against the encroachments of individuals and corporations.

9. That we express our deep regret, and enter our earnest protest against the present unsatisfactory condition of the Lord's Day Act, especially in view of recent interpretations of that Act; and express our concurrence with the action recently taken to submit a test case to the Supreme Court for an authoritative interpretation of the laws, and hope for a favorable decision. In the meantime, and whatever that decision may be, we repeat our demand for legislation in accordance with the divine law, the sentiments of the majority of the citizens of the province, and the physical and moral well-being of the workingmen of the land.

10. That in view of the constant and ever-increasing encroachments on the sanctity of the Lord's Day, and the vital importance of its permanent defence and preservation, we earnestly recommend the people of Methodism to unite in unceasing prayer to God, that statesmen, corporations, governments, and a liberty-loving people be led to realize the essential relation of the Sabbath law to our future national prosperity.

12. That this report be presented to all the congregations within the bounds of the Conference on some Sabbath during the year.

13. We record our profound sense of gratitude to God that in London, Eng., and throughout the entire kingdom of Great Britain, the voice of

public sentiment and the conscience of the nation was such that the Sunday newspaper was sternly rebuked and that the *Daily Mail* and *Telegraph* were compelled to cease their Sabbath issue. We trust that this fact may have a salutary influence, not only in Great Britain, but also in our own Dominion.

TEMPERANCE REPORT.

The past year was a memorable one in the history of temperance and prohibition by reason of the plebiscite, taken on the 29th September and resulting in a substantial majority in favor of the total prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The fact is deplored that, in the single province of Quebec, an adverse vote was recorded, but, while fully realizing the gravity of the situation thus created, we cannot admit it as a sufficient reason for the failure of the Government to recognize, in the sweeping vote of the other provinces and territories, a mandate for the immediate introduction into Parliament of as full a measure of prohibition for these provinces and territories, at least, as it is in their power to enact.

We do not falter in our deep conviction that the right and only effective remedy for the evils of intemperance is in total national prohibition, and that nothing short of this be accepted as a settlement of the liquor question; that the Methodist Church must continue its uncompromising warfare against the liquor traffic for beverage purposes until it shall be totally abolished.

We would strongly recommend to the Dominion Parliament that it enact a general prohibitory law, to be called into operation in any province or territory by the vote of the electorate. This would be but a small concession to the demand of the people, so emphatically expressed, and should receive the support of every friend of prohibition in Parliament.

Great responsibility rests upon the Christian electors of the Dominion, and we would strongly urge upon all Methodist voters the importance of using their influence in the selection of reliable men as candidates for all public positions, and of uniting heartily in their election. It is regretted that in some recent bye-elections this matter has not been made distinctly and unmistakably an issue before the electorate.

Attention is called to the rapid growth of the use of cigarettes, especially among the boys of our towns and cities. We desire to urge upon parents the necessity of being watchful concerning the habits of their children, and to impress upon them the fact that greater responsibility rests upon them than upon either Church or Parliament.

We regret the necessity of again calling attention to the sale of liquor in our military encampments. The canteen is a prolific cause of drunkenness, rowdyism and dissipation. The volunteers are met with the canteen, and, in many instances, those who have gone into camp pure and temperate have returned accustomed, if not addicted, to the use of intoxicants. We protest against the apparent violation of law in this respect.

We notice with satisfaction the recent action of the Orange Grand Lodge of British North America in resolving to withhold in future the

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privileges of membership from any person engaged in liquor-selling, and would strongly recommend to other fraternal and national societies the adoption of a similar course.

We call the attention of superintendents of Sunday Schools to paragraphs 305 and 306 of the Discipline, regarding the inculcation of temperance principles in the Sunday School, and earnestly recommend that immediate action be taken in harmony therewith.

We gratefully acknowledge the self-denying labors of the W.C.T.U. and of the Dominion Alliance, and wish the members of these organizations God-speed in their work.

It would appear that paragraph 492 of the Discipline, which provides for holding annually on each circuit and mission a public temperance meeting, with a collection, has not been generally observed. We direct attention to this important matter.

We heartily appreciate the action of the Minister of Justice in introducing much-needed amendments to the Criminal Code, providing for the further protection of young girls, also amending the laws respecting lotteries and obscene literature.

EPWORTH LEAGUE REPORT.

In a review of the various Conference reports in connection with this very interesting and promising department of the Methodist Church—The Epworth League—we note the following:

1. There is a small decrease in the number of Societies, chiefly among the Juniors, and we would urge that greater attention be paid to the organization and maintenance of the Junior Societies. A decrease is also reported in League membership, the associate members being largely responsible for the falling off, as in many instances they do not promote. Some attribute decrease to neglect of pastors and older members of the Church, and others say it is owing to a disinclination on the part of young people to share in the active work of the Society. A more earnest effort is recommended in retaining the associate members and encouraging them to "move up." Another reason assigned for decrease is that many who stood by the League in its initial stage have ceased to be members, but on the whole those in affiliation are people who both "look up and lift up," and are rendering good service to the Church.

2. The Forward Missionary Movement has been very heartily endorsed during the past year, and a substantial increase reported in missionary givings. "Pray, study, give," is considered a good motto for all our young people. A growing interest is manifest in aggressive missionary work, and this is being greatly aided by the systematic organization of districts, and the assuming of the maintenance of men and women in the mission fields. The resultant increase of missionary knowledge, liberality and enterprise is most cheering. League missionary moneys should be paid over to the pastor and forwarded by the disciplinary channels, and we recommend that a column be arranged on circuit schedules for report of Epworth League missionary contributions. Missionary libraries should be found in Leagues wherever possible.

3. We record with pleasure the successful advent of the excellent League paper—*The Era*. The rapid increase in its circulation, now over

5,000, is the best proof of the appreciation with which it is received. Editor Crews is the recipient of congratulations on all sides.

4. The Reading Course has been a phenomenal success, and should be encouraged by every pastor and president. Form a Circle and try it for a year.

5. It is strongly urged that Leagues should organize according to constitution (see paragraph 328, sec. 7, sub-sec. 6), so as to give uniformity and completeness to annual returns. This is a point that should not be overlooked.

6. The Forward Evangelistic Movement opens the door for grand conquests by Methodist young people. Personal piety must be cultivated. It is a necessity to spiritual development, and as an aid to this the Christian Endeavor department of the League should be warmly supported and the pledge often reviewed. Systematic and persistent Bible study should be practised more generally. We would also impress upon our young people their duty as Christian citizens in all matters pertaining to the public good, and concerted action on the temperance and other leading questions of the day.

7. We hope to see the Leaguers take a large and helpful part in raising the Twentieth Century Thanksgiving Fund, and pray that as they make their gifts to the Lord they may be grandly and gloriously blessed.

Statistical information regarding the Epworth League membership, missionary and other contributions, may be found on other pages.

May the Lord bless every League as in this Conference year they endeavor to lift the world to Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The reports from the various Conferences show a prosperous condition of this department of our work for the year. While a decrease in attendance is reported in some Conferences, this is more than made up in others, and in all there is a strong feeling of hopefulness and encouragement in the possibilities for the future as guaranteed by the results of the past. The deepening sense of the importance of the Sunday School as the great, if not the greatest, factor in the solution of the problems committed to the Church is emphasized by each committee, and stress is laid upon the following points:

1. The necessity of a stronger grasp of the place and aim of the Sunday School. "Christ in the Church and the child in the midst."

2. A higher sense of responsibility on the part of the Church for the work of teaching and managing the schools, and of supporting them liberally, that the best possible facilities be provided.

3. A corresponding responsibility on the part of officers and teachers for the maintenance of the highest spiritual life and faithfulness to the work committed to them, as well as the most studious application possible by aid of teachers' meetings, Normal classes, and in every way, that they may secure the mental and practical equipment which the importance of the work demands.

4. Emphasis is placed upon the need of making anniversary occasions strongly spiritual, and attention is called to the fact that many schools are kept open for only a part of the year, and that, in many preaching places, schools have not been organized as yet.

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5. Temperance study and work is advised, and the use of the catechism commended. The fact that the catechism is so little used is deplored. Sermons to children are recommended, and the use of our own Sunday School periodicals strongly advocated.

6. The Home Department is reported as increasing in numbers and efficiency, and receives most cordial endorsement in all the Conferences. "Much undone work in the Sunday School field is in this department and it would well repay more earnest effort."

7. Parents and pastors are urged to greater sympathy and accord with the Sunday School, and district officials are asked to give a place to discussion of the work in connection with Financial District Meetings.

8. Here, as elsewhere in the widening fields of church work, the great commission, "Go ye!" is emphasized, and, as always, the only halt that can be admissible is, "Tarry . . . till ye be endued with power from on high."

MEMORIALS.

Re ANTICOSTI METHODISTS.

The following action was taken by the Montreal Conference :

Moved by Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., seconded by Rev. W. Jackson, D.D., and unanimously adopted, That this Conference hereby expresses its regret that our brethren, members of the Methodist Church within the bounds of the Montreal Conference, residing on the Island of Anticosti, have by the veiled expression "natural and fair inference" been accused of one of the most heinous crimes of ancient or modern times, namely, that of luring vessels upon rocky coasts that the wreckers might profit by the loss of the property of others, even though this loss is almost certain to involve the sacrifice of human life. And inasmuch as the awful crime has been indignantly denied, and proof of the alleged crime demanded by the persons accused; and inasmuch as the attempt to reply to the challenge for proof is not only irrelevant, but entirely inconclusive, which served to exhibit openly the weakness and utter groundlessness of the charge made by a Minister of the Crown, on the floor of the House of Commons, we do not hesitate to characterize these accusations against Methodists, and named as members of our Church by the Hon. Israel Tarte, as unjust and untrue, and affirm that a gross insult has been offered our Church by the Minister of Public Works; and further we hold that in view of his failure to prove that the accused have been guilty of this heinous crime, not only against Christianity, but also against the sentiment of all who are not hopelessly sunk in barbarism, the Hon. Israel Tarte is bound to retract his words and apologize for them as publicly as he made his unproven charge against the members of a Church which holds a proud eminence among the law-abiding citizens of our Dominion and upon which Hon. Mr. Tarte has, with such audacity, cast an unprovoked insult. And inasmuch as during the months which have elapsed since he uttered what we consider a base slander, no apology has been offered nor any retraction has been made, we now beg to call the attention of the brethren of our Church throughout the Dominion to the matter, and ask that they join with us in demanding an apology for the gross attack on our beloved Methodism, and to which we here affirm we will not tamely submit, no matter by what spirit it may be prompted, or from what source it may

come. And further that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Prime Minister of the Dominion, by the Secretary of this Conference. We also most heartily approve of and endorse the manly course of our ex-President, Dr. Griffith, in what we consider his vindication of the innocence of our brethren against this cowardly attack on the floor of the House of Commons.

This action was communicated to the Ontario Conferences, and by resolution or committee-report was strongly endorsed in each. Further action by the Montreal Conference was taken as follows:

Moved by the Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., seconded by Rev. W. I. Shaw, LL.D., and resolved, That this Conference, having listened with pleasure to the report given by our retiring President, the Rev. Dr. Griffith, of the interviews held with the Hon. Mr. Marchand, Premier of Quebec, the Hon. Mr. Duffy and the Hon. Mr. Parent, for the purpose of amicably and justly effecting a settlement of the difficulties existing between the inhabitants of Fox Bay on the Island of Anticosti, and Mr. Menier, desires to express its appreciation of the honorable and courteous manner which has characterized the intercourse of the above named honorable gentlemen with the Rev. Dr. Griffith. We also express the hope that by the continued effort of these gentlemen an equitable solution of the difficulties can be finally reached.

Re MISSIONARY AT ANTICOSTI.

Moved by the Rev. Chas. S. Deeprose, seconded by Rev. C. D. Baldwin, and resolved, That this Conference is delighted to hear of the faithful and successful labors of Bro. A. B. Argue, our missionary on the Island of Anticosti, and that we desire to record our appreciation of his unselfish devotion to the spiritual and temporal interests of our Methodist brethren living on that island, and his entire willingness to return to that field of labor at the request of the President and his brethren of the Quebec District meeting.

Re PRISONERS' AID ASSOCIATION.

The Conferences endorsed these recommendations of the Prisoners' Aid Association:

- (a) The indeterminate sentence for first offenders.
- (b) Separation of the insane from the criminal classes.
- (c) The establishing by County Councils of poorhouses in each County.
- (d) Better method of dealing with pauper inebriates.

Re PEACE CONFERENCE.

The Conferences expressed appreciation of the growing desire among nations to avert war, and manifested prayerful hope for the success of the Peace Conference in session at The Hague.

Memorials having local reference in the various Conferences were referred to the Section in each case on Special Resolutions.

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REPORT OF THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND COMMITTEE.

We beg leave to report that we regard with feelings of satisfaction a movement which promises to do so much for the advancement of the work of that branch of the Church with which we are identified. We hail with delight a movement which will relieve us, in some degree, from the incubus of local church debts, render much needed aid to our benevolent institutions, strengthen our connexional bonds, disseminate needed information concerning the requirements of our work, and result in a more intelligent sympathy and enthusiasm, a more unselfish corporate spirit, a broader outlook and a larger denominational hope.

We have no doubt the Conferences will enter with loyalty and enthusiasm into a movement which promises to do so much for our Church from sea to sea.

We endorse the action of the General Conference as regards the objects to be aided by the free-will offerings of our people and especially the fact that the will of the individual is allowed to exercise its prerogative, as regards the objects to which the gifts of benevolence may be applied.

Recognizing the necessity for thorough organization as well as efficient oversight and hearty co-operation in order to secure success, we recommend that the ensuing Financial District Meetings make arrangements for a thorough canvass of each circuit in the interests of the Twentieth Century Fund.

We further recommend that in this great connexional movement, no effort be spared to impress upon our people the fact that the effort is *special* and that any gift to it, at the expense of our recognized obligations, local and connexional, would be a serious mistake. We heartily commend this great movement to the intelligent sympathy and liberality of our people and hope that under the inspiration of God such a thank-offering may be placed at the disposal of the Church as will enable her to accomplish greater things in every sphere of her God-inspired activity in the coming century.

THE STATE OF THE WORK.

The review of our work presents features of encouragement in the substantial growth in membership, a total increase of 1,757 in all; in the loyal support by our people of the material and financial interests of the Church; in the growth of the missionary spirit among the Societies, and in the absence of any great disturbing influences among us as a religious body.

But, while there is reason for satisfaction and thankfulness, we feel that at the same time there is much to deplore, and much to cause serious reflection and deep heart-searching. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that the reported increase of members is quite out of proportion to the amount of effort expended in the work of caring for the souls of the people, and we deplore the fact that in two of our older Conferences a decrease is actually reported. It becomes us to give serious thought to the circumstances or conditions that have contributed to these results, and to the best methods of securing better returns for the work done.

It is a serious question whether too much dependence is not placed on special evangelistic services for the in-gathering of souls. No periodic visits of evangelists can take the place of the faithful continued work of

the pastor. Nor should the work devolve to the extent it now does on the pastor. His efforts should be supplemented by the zealous co-operation of the official members, the local preachers and class-leaders. In many places effective work can be done by the local preachers in preaching and the holding of cottage prayer-meetings.

There is need of more systematic effort to gather the children from the Sabbath Schools into the fold of the Church. The schools should be regarded as essentially the recruiting ground of the Church. Good results will follow the preaching, at stated intervals, of special sermons to the children, and definite invitation should be given the children to unite with the Church. We regret that the study of the catechism is no more diligently followed in our schools. The establishment of catechism classes and junior leagues should be given every encouragement.

We rejoice to believe that in the mass the young people of Canadian Methodism are loyal to the doctrines and rules of the Church, but we have to regret the evidences, too often apparent, of compliance to the spirit of worldiness, particularly in the participation in those games and amusements that inevitably tend to diminish interest in spiritual things. We would urge upon our people to use their influence to oppose the use of schools and public buildings for dancing parties.

We advise that greater attention be given to the Sabbath services that they may become seasons of marked spiritual power and impress all that they are for worship and not for entertainment, and would deprecate the introduction of Sunday evening concerts in our churches.

We would urge upon all parents the duty of bringing their children to the morning services and of teaching them due reverence for the House of God, and of training them to support the financial interests of the Church.

We fear that our people are growing lax in family worship, and would earnestly impress upon the heads of families the necessity of maintaining the family altar.

We regret that large numbers of our people habitually neglect the class and prayer meetings. This, we think, accounts very largely for the want of deep, strong, spiritual life so everywhere manifest.

We deem it timely to call attention to the fact that persons are admitted to membership in our Church without being formally received, and give it as our opinion that to this laxity is in some measure due the want of appreciation of the sacredness of church membership among many of our people.

We note with pleasure that some burdensome church debts have been reduced during the year, while the trustees of other churches are contemplating efforts to relieve themselves of the obligation they bear on behalf of the congregations they represent. Realizing in some measure how largely church debts interfere with connexional funds, and militate against the distinctively spiritual work to which the Church is called, we recommend all our congregations to carry out, so soon as possible, the apostle's injunction, "Owe no man anything."

Finally, we exhort all to more devoutly study the Word of God, to a fuller realization of the importance of family and private prayer, and a more perfect consecration of heart and life to the service of the Master.

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DR.	ANNUAL FUND.	CR.
<i>July 31st, 1898.</i>		<i>July 31st, 1898.</i>
To Circuits	\$13,874 52	By Balance due Permanent
" Ministerial subscrip-		Fund
tions	25,585 93	\$15,303 54
" Interest	12,344 44	" Allowances—
" Rents from Alice St.		228 ministers \$62,103 50
property since March		182 widows.. 27,404 69
1st, 1898	844 11	71 children.. 1,211 50
" Book Room Approp-		<u>90,719 69</u>
riation	10,000 00	" Annuities
" Missionary Society ..	2,992 00	" Refunds
" Donations	108 00	" Expense—General
" Arrears — ministers		" " Management
and circuits	3,091 34	" Alice Street property—
" Borrowed from Per-		current expense since
manent Fund	13,062 89	March 1st
		457 36
		" Alice Street property—
		current expense prior
		to March 1st
		215 63
		" Interest on balance due
		Permanent Fund
		918 21
		" Interest on bank over-
		drafts
		443 45
		" Commutation
		300 00
		" Interest on Commuta-
		tion
		541 40
	<u>\$112,900 26</u>	<u>\$112,900 26</u>

Audited August 28th, 1898.

JOSIAH BARNETT, }
 F. BYRNE, } Auditors.

W. S. GRIFFIN, }
 E. GURNEY, } Treasurers.

CHURCH AND PARSONAGE AID FUND.

Receipts and Expenditures from April 1st, 1894, to July 31st, 1898.

RECEIPTS.

To Balance on deposit with Missionary Society.	\$2,290 66	
" Payments on loans—principal and interest..	12,304 94	
" Donation—Trustees Bedford (Que.) Church.	50 00	
" Bank Interest.....	42 98	
		\$14,688 58

EXPENDITURES.

By loans to churches and parsonages.....	\$7,863 35	
" Interest on Aylesworth legacy, paid to Missionary Society.....	2,494 68	
" Accountant.....	\$250 00	
" Audit.....	20 00	
	270 00	
" Postage, exchange and office expenses.....	30 97	
" Legal expenses.....	38 86	
" Cash on hand and in bank.....	3,990 72	
		\$14,688 58

Audited and found correct.

JAS. W. SHANNON, }
 MARTIN N. MERRY, } *Auditors.*

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee beg to report as follows :

1. To increase the interest now shown by our people in home and foreign mission work, we recommend that, as far as practicable, each minister preach, at least quarterly, special missionary sermons, and that our people be urged to give systematically to the cause of missions.

2. In order to secure to our missionaries the prompt payment of their grants, and to avoid needless expenditure in the payment of interest on the part of the General Board, we strongly urge the payment of missionary moneys to the Conference Treasurer as soon as collected.

3. A letter from the Missionary Secretary, suggesting the appointment by several Conferences unitedly of a Superintendent of Missions in all those Conferences, elicited much discussion in these Conferences, but, because of lack of co-operation, and in some cases by misunderstanding, the action suggested has not yet come to completion.

UNION CHURCH RELIEF FUND.

Receipts and Expenditures from August 1st, 1898, to April 20th, 1899.

RECEIPTS.

To balance, cash in bank, August 1st.....	\$1,448 47
" Money borrowed.....	14,400 00
" Collections from Circuits.....	241 85
	\$16,090 32

EXPENDITURES.

By appropriations paid	\$2,000 00
" Borrowed money repaid	12,633 34
" Interest on appropriations	236 55
" Interest on borrowed money	614 45
" Expenses of Committee	40 95
" Expense, audit, accountant	67 10
" Honorarium to the Treasurer	200 00
" Balance, cash in bank, April 20th.	297 93
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	\$16,090 32

During the last few months the Treasurer has reduced the interest on all loans from an average of about 5 per cent. to a net 4 per cent., payable half-yearly, thus saving quite a sum annually. No other particular changes in the status of the Fund have taken place since General Conference, as the collections have not yet been received.

JOHN N. LAKE, *Treasurer.*

Toronto, May 1st, 1899.

GENERAL CONFERENCE FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Aug. 31, 1897. Balance in Bank	\$1,497 99
" 1898. Collections from Conferences	7,652 82
" " Interest on Bank account	14 57
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	\$9,165 38

EXPENDITURES.

Aug. 31, 1898.	
General Superintendent, salary and expenses	\$3,000 00
Treasurer and Accountant, salaries	150 00
General Conference Statistician	25 00
Fraternal Delegate, M. E. Church South	46 00
Committees—Transfer	\$30 75
" —Special	33 15
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	63 90
Fraternal Delegate, Presby. Gen'l Assembly	12 10
Travelling expenses. Drs. Carman and Potts to Ottawa for " Plebiscite Bill "	31 00
Rent (Gen'l Supt.'s office), \$187.50; Book Room acct., 14.45; Legal expenses, 3.00	204 95
Audit, \$10.00; postage, exchange, remittance, etc., 7.91 ..	17 91
Interest on debt due Superannuation Fund	1,155 51
Rent of office—share of General Conference Fund	50 00
Difference between Genl. Supt.'s assessment to the Super- annuation Fund and \$75.00	15 00
Principal of debt due Superannuation Fund	4,358 53
Cash on hand, August 31st, 1898	35 48
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	\$9,165 38

WESLEYAN THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.

The total number of students for the year has been sixty-one, an increase of five over last year. At the Annual Convocation on May 2nd four students received the degree of S.T.L. and seven the degree of B.D.

The work of the College has been uninterrupted by any serious sickness, and thorough work in the various departments has been done by the students.

The high spiritual tone of the College has been maintained and the students have manifested commendable zeal in the Missionary work of the Church.

On account of Dr. Patton having left the College staff, it is intended that the students next session shall take their Hebrew at McGill College, as do the students of the other three denominational colleges affiliated with the University.

The pressure of financial burden is severely felt, but hope is cherished that relief will be given by the Twentieth Century Fund. In the meantime the Board of Governors are doing all in their power to make the income and outgo balance each other as nearly as possible.

W. I. G. , *Principal.*

J. COOPER ANTLIFF, *Registrar.*

ALMA COLLEGE, ST. THOMAS.

The College is closing its eighteenth year under promising conditions. The enrolment of students shows an increase of nineteen over last year, with a proportionate increase in receipts. The graduating class is large, and represents all departments. A strong religious life has prevailed, and a large number of the students have made profession of faith during the year.

Last fall a department of Domestic Science was opened, and affords most valuable aid in practical education.

During the year a number of special voluntary contributions were made, and a special effort instituted to pay the floating debt of \$15,000. This has been so far successful that the whole has been covered by pledges, and \$5,000 in cash paid on the debt. The receipts from the school this year will pay running expenses and interest, leaving all payments on the \$15,000 a clear gain in reducing the debt.

Grateful acknowledgment is due to the citizens of St. Thomas of all denominations for their generous response to the appeal for financial aid.

The Board believes that the increase of wealth and of benevolent thought will bring to the College, through benefactions by public-spirited persons, emancipation from the debt still burdening it, and so the College become in reality a free gift to the higher Christian education of young women.

JOHN BAIRD, *Chairman.*

R. I. WARNER, *Secretary.*

THE ONTARIO LADIES' COLLEGE AND ONTARIO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, WHITBY.

The Board of Directors take pleasure in presenting to the Conference their twenty-fifth or semi-jubilee report. A review of these years of progress and success inspires feelings of devout gratitude to Almighty God. The College has grown until it is to-day the largest and most commodious institution devoted to the education of women in the Dominion of Canada. There has been continued and steady growth, not only in the number and qualification of the teachers, the extent and suitability of school-room furnishings and apparatus, but also in the up-to-date methods of instruction and in the thorough educational work that is accomplished. It is the only ladies' college in Canada that has successfully undertaken the first two years' work with honors of the Provincial University.

The health record for the year has been remarkably good, and the moral and religious atmosphere highly gratifying. There is reason to think that many during the year have been helped in their Christian life, and will go out from the College halls to be a greater power for good in the world.

The Board expresses its thankfulness for the kind co-operation in the past, and commends the College to the Conferences, trusting it may always merit their fullest confidence and most loyal support.

GEO. A. COX, *President.*

J. S. BARNARD, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY.

The report of the Board of Regents of Victoria University, presented by the Chancellor, Rev. N. Burwash, S.T.D., gave an encouraging statement of the year's work. The number of students was above the average, and the first year's class in actual attendance was the largest enrolled.

In addition to the graduates in Arts, numbering about thirty, the three classes of Divinity students furnish over forty men this year for the ministry of our Church. Of these, nine offer for foreign missionary work, eighteen are graduates in Arts, and seven graduates (B.D.) in Divinity.

At the examinations in Arts of last year students of Victoria were again successful in carrying off the Governor-General's Gold Medal, with the highest place in Philosophy and English Literature, while others won highest honors in various subjects. The religious life of the College during the year was marked by unusual earnestness and spirituality.

There was improvement also in financial matters. The expenditure had been reduced, and the revenue increased by nearly \$2,000, so that the deficit for the year (\$6,330.40) was substantially less than that of the previous year.

An immediate effort is needed to place the College in a sound financial position by the addition of \$200,000 to the endowment. The hope for this is a generous remembrance of the College on the part of subscribers to the Twentieth Century Fund.

ALBERT COLLEGE, BELLEVILLE, ONT.

BURSAR'S STATEMENT.

RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES.

Resources.

Albert College Building and Campus.....	\$41,598 61
Massey Hall.....	25,567 57
Gymnasium.....	3,088 47
Furniture.....	8,000 00
Subscriptions (Total \$11,436.49) estimated value.....	4,000 00

 \$82,254 65
Liabilities.

Mortgages Payable.....	\$16,000 00
Bills Payable.....	2,000 00
Balance (net worth).....	64,254 62

 \$82,254 65

DEBT ACCOUNT.

Mortgages Payable:		
Mrs. McCarthy.....	\$10,000 00	
Ontario B. & S. Society.....	6,000 00	
Bills payable:		
Mrs. Lunnet.....	1,500 00	
Bank.....	500 00	
		<hr/> \$18,000 00
Subscriptions:		
<i>Less.</i>		
Estimated value.....	4,000 00	
Net Debt.....		<hr/> 14,000 00

The report of the Principal, Rev. W. P. Dyer, D.D., presented to the Conferences, showed that the attendance had been well maintained during the year. In all 210 students were enrolled—106 boys and 104 girls; of which number 110 were boarders—eighty-four boys and twenty-six girls.

The College is doing thorough work. Each department is in charge of an honor graduate of either Toronto or Victoria University. The classrooms are provided with equipment for special work in the various departments. It is proposed to institute two new courses: I. Domestic Science for young ladies; II. A Missionary Course, which will also include the study of the English Bible, and will furnish specially helpful lectures by competent local physicians.

It will be seen that there still remains a debt, unprovided for by reliable subscriptions, of \$14,000. E. D. O'Flynn, Esq., Chairman of the Executive Committee of the College, has promised a donation of \$3,000 towards meeting the entire debt. This will leave a balance of \$11,000 unprovided for. Enlarged campus and better system of lighting are greatly needed. It is estimated that a total of \$15,000 in addition to Mr. O'Flynn's subscription would meet the balance of debt and provide these improvements.

It is earnestly hoped and desired that the friends of the College will remember the institution in the effort soon to be made in connection with the Twentieth Century Fund.



